GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:574
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2003
VISIT OF SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT
K. MALAISAMY;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Sri Lanka visited India recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held between the two countries and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any agreements have been signed on the occasion;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether the issue of sending back Sri Lankan refugees from Tamil Nadu was also raised during the visit; and

(f) if so, the current status of the issue including the terms and conditions laid down for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE ANSWER TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 574 T
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Her Excellency Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga was on a working visit to India from April 7-10, 2003, wherein she met President, Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs, Minister of Finance & Company Affairs, Leader of Opposition and Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. She discussed Indo-Sri Lankan bilateral relations and gave her assessment of the latest developments in the peace process in Sri Lanka. No agreements were signed during the visit. The issue of sending back Sri Lankan refugees from Tamil Nadu was not raised.